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SUBJECT: FRG ATTITUDES ON FRENCH DISARMAMENT PROPOSAL

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1. FRG DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER RUTH HAS GIVEN US A
GENERALLY POSITIVE FRG REACTION TO FRENCH DISARMAMENT
PROPOSALS ON SATELLITE OBSERVATION AND ON FUNDS FROM
ECONOMIC AID, BUT HE STILL REFLECTED SOME UNCERTAINTY
ON PRECISE TACTICS THE FRG MIGHT FOLLOW.

2. IN DISCUSSION WITH THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR, RUTH
STATED THAT THE FRG POSITION IS NOT TO REJECT EITHER
PROPOSAL. AS REGARDS THE PROPOSAL TO CREATE AN INTER-
NATIONAL FUND FOR DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, HE
INDICATED THAT IT IS OBVIOUS THAT IN SUCH A SITUATION
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WE (THE WEST) WOULD PAY, BUT THAT IT HAD SUFFICIENT
GENERAL APPEAL TO MERIT FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

3. THE FRENCH PROPOSAL OF CREATING AN INTERNATIONAL
SATELLITE OBSERVATION AGENCY UNDER UN SECURITY AND
DISARMAMENTS AGREEMENT AUSPICES, HE FELT, COULD BEST
BE DEALT WITH BY INDICATING SUPPORT FOR THE SERIOUSNESS

OF THE FRENCH PROPOSAL AND RECOMMENDING THAT THE PROPOSAL BE SENT TO A STUDY GROUP FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

4. RUTH REITERATED THE FRG'S OWN INTEREST IN THE IDEA OF CONSIDERING THE CREATION OF A DEVELOPMENT FUND (REF B) -- IN TERMS OF A PERCENTAGE OF WHAT DEVELOPING NATIONS SPEND ON ARMAMENTS.

5. HE RAISED THREE POSSIBLE SCENARIOS FOR INTRODUCING SUCH A PROPOSAL.

A. THAT THE FRG PREPARE SUCH A PROPOSAL, MAINTAINING AUTHORSHIP, AND AFTER ACQUIRING WESTERN BACKING THAT IT BE SUBMITTED BY THE WESTERN GROUP IN THE SSOD.

B. THAT THE CHANCELLOR IN HIS SPEECH TO THE UNSSOD ADDRESS THIS TOPIC AND INDICATE THE FRG'S WILLINGNESS TO USE IT AS A POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

C. THAT A COMBINATION OF THE ABOVE TWO APPROACHES BE USED.

6. RUTH WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE GERMAN SIDE HAD IN NO WAY FINALIZED THEIR OWN STUDY. WHEN PRESSED FOR THE CONFIDENTIAL

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ACTUAL STATE OF THE STUDY, RUTH ANSWERED THAT THEY HAD FINALIZED THE PRINCIPLE WHICH THE FRG WISHED TO SUPPORT BUT WERE NOW CLOSELY EXAMINING THE ECONOMIC RAMIFICATIONS THAT SUCH A PROGRAM MIGHT HAVE. HE SAID THAT THESE CONSIDERATIONS WERE NOW UNDER REVIEW.

7. IN THIS CONTEXT, AND IN THE BROADER CONTEXT OF THE UNSSOD, RUTH SAID HE WOULD WELCOME A BILATERAL DISCUSSION WITH US, LEAVING OPEN WHERE IT SHOULD BE HELD. HE SAID HE HOPED IT COULD BE BEFORE THE GENERAL WESTERN CONSULTATIONS AT THE BEGINNING OF MAY, AND SAID HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO COME TO WASHINGTON. HE WENT ON TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE HE AND HIS GOVERNMENT PLACE ON WHAT CAN BE DONE AT THE SSOD.

8. OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE, RUTH FELT, WAS TO CLEAR THE PAPERS ALREADY TABLED AND ENSURE THAT THEY ARE HANDLED IN A CONCRETE MANNER, BOTH TO REDUCE THE HIGH EXPECTATIONS THAT MANY PARTIES HAVE AND TO ENSURE THAT AN ORDERLY MECHANISM FOR MOVEMENT IS ESTABLISHED. HE ALSO STRESSED IN THE STRONGEST TERMS THE VITAL NECESSITY FOR MAINTAINING A WESTERN CONCENSUS ON WHATEVER IS

PRESENTED.

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10. THUS, RUTH SUGGESTED, EVEN SUCH AN IDEA AS THE ONE
RELATING DEFENSE BUDGETS TO DEVELOPMENT AID COULD BE
A CONSTRUCTIVE AND INTERMEDIATE STEP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT
AND DEVELOPMENT AID. IT IS A SUGGESTION, HE SAID, WHICH
COULD EASILY FIND ITS WAY INTO ONE OF THE PAPERS.

11. WE ASKED RUTH HIS FEELING REGARDING THE FRENCH
VIEW OF CCD. RUTH STATED THAT IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT
THE FRENCH NOW REALIZED THAT THE CCD COULD NOT BE
ABANDONED. HE SAID THAT A COSMETIC NAME CHANGE WAS
ALSO NOT A REALISTIC SOLUTION TO THE FRENCH ATTITUDES
REGARDING CCD. RUTH SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY OF
CREATING AN AD HOC GROUP TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUE.

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12. RUTH THEN RETURNED AGAIN TO HIS HOPES FOR A BILATERAL MEETING BEFORE THE MAY 2-3 MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS. AS POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR SUCH A BILATERAL, AT HIS LEVEL, EITHER HERE OR IN WASHINGTON, HE SUGGESTED (A) SSOD PROBLEMS, (B) INCENDIARY WEAPONS -- WHICH PRESENTED REAL PROBLEMS -- (C) SALT, AND (D) STABILIZING MEASURES.

13. RUTH CONCLUDED HIS COMMENTS BY INDICATING THAT HE IS DEPARTING FOR BUCHAREST TOMORROW AND WILL ALSO BE VISITING BELGRADE, SINCE HE REGARDS THE YUGOSLAVS AS A PARTY THAT WILL PLAY A KEY ROLE IN THE SSOD.

14. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE ON THE ABOVE, ESPECIALLY RUTH'S REQUEST FOR A BILATERAL.
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